

# Centerline

Newsletter



North Carolina Department of Transportation

Spring 2011

## A Message from the Director

Welcome to a beautiful spring season! As the temperature continues to rise so do the dangers of people driving while impaired, not wearing seatbelts and speeding. These factors increase the reality that fatal car crashes and needless injuries will occur on North Carolina highways this traveling season. As a retired U.S. Marshal, I am delighted to be a part of the law enforcement community again, and working with people who are passionate about preventing injuries and saving lives.

I would like to mention a few past and future happenings at GHSP. On April 4, we went live with the first SAP-based Grants Management Online System in the United States. The first week of May we kicked-off Motorcycle Safety Awareness month, at the end of May, we will kick-off the spring "Click It or Ticket" campaign in Charlotte. As part of the campaign, we are sponsoring five minor league baseball games promoting highway safety and law enforcement appreciation across the state. We are excited about all the events and hope to see you at one of the games.

I believe North Carolina is a great place to live. We have many small towns and large cities, miles of country roads and major highways throughout our state. With these different elements in place, enforcement and highway safety can be difficult in many areas; I commend you on your efforts to keep our highways safe. I would also like to extend my appreciation to each of you for your continued support of our highway safety campaigns. I hope you take the time to read through this issue of Centerline. You will find it is filled with useful information on GHSP events and activities. I wish you a happy and safe spring.

## Triangle Beach Music Festival

The Triangle Beach Music Festival was held on April 30 in Garner with more than 10,000 people in attendance. The Wake County Traffic Task Force along with two of the Forensics Test for Alcohol's BATmobiles set-up checkpoints task force outside all three exits of the festival.



***Wake County task force in action.***

The checkpoints resulted in 40 DWI violations, 6 seat-belt violations, 6 NOL violations and 1 child restraint violation. The Wake County Traffic Safety

Task Force is comprised of representatives from the majority of the law enforcement agencies located in Wake County. The purpose of the task force is to allow agencies the opportunity to participate in campaigns throughout the year that focus on improving traffic safety in the county. These efforts concentrate on DWI, speed and seat belt enforcement, as well as other traffic safety initiatives. Since April 2009, the Task Force has held 60 checkpoints resulting in 310 DWI arrests and more than 3,000 traffic charges. The NC State Highway Patrol, Wake County Sheriff's Office, Garner, Knightdale, Holly Springs, Apex, NCSU, Morrisville, Raleigh and Cary police departments participated at the festival's checkpoint, and the Cary CAP served refreshments to the checkpoint officers.

**The “Click It or Ticket” campaign begins May 23 and runs through June 5.**



**Be a winner and join us on May 23 at 11 a.m. for the 2011 Spring “Click it or Ticket” Campaign Kickoff at Charlotte Motor Speedway in the Winner’s Circle.**



**Swing into “Click It or Ticket” and take me out to the ballgame!**



The Governor’s Highway Safety Program is sponsoring Highway Safety/Law Enforcement Appreciation Night at the following ballparks. NC SafeKids, School Bus Safety, NC Trucking Association and local law enforcement will be on hand to help promote safety on our highways. Come out and get a free “Click It or Ticket” stress baseball.



**May 20**  
**Durham Bulls**  
**Game: 7:05 p.m.**



**May 27**  
**Carolina Mudcats**  
**Game: 7:15 p.m.**



**June 3**  
**Greensboro 7 p.m.**



**June 25**  
**Hickory Crawdads**  
**Game: 7 p.m.**



**July 17**  
**Charlotte Knights**  
**Game 7:15 p.m.**

**Don’t forget to report your “Click It or Ticket” activities.**

**Week**

Week 1

Week 2

**Dates of Enforcement**

May 23-30

May 31-June 5

**Reports Due**

May 31 by 5 p.m.

June 6 by 5 p.m.



## Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. To kickoff the month, Director Becky Wallace was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Jensen, Col. Fortunato and NCSHP's Bike Safe Coordinator Mark Brown on May 6 at Camp Lejeune's Bogue Field for a Motorcycle Rodeo competition for Marines, Bike Safe course and press event. Twenty-five participants competed in an ultimate elimination road course that resulted in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Twenty participants successfully completed the Bike Safe course in conjunction with the event. The NCDMV has more than 177,000 registered motorcycles in the state and more than 383,000 motorcycle endorsements and/or learners permits.



### Our New Director



Director Becky Wallace

Becky is a retired U.S. Marshal who oversaw the Middle District of North Carolina, which covers 24 counties, from 1994-2004. She is the first and, to date, only female U.S. Marshal appointed in North Carolina. Under her leadership, the U.S. Marshal Service Violent

Fugitive Task Force was created in 1994, bringing together a diverse group of local, state and federal law enforcement officers. Through the task force, 1,600 arrests were made in that first year alone. Additionally, Becky's district was awarded the U.S. Marshal Director's Distinguished District Award in 2000. Among her numerous awards, Becky also received the Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award from the National Center for Women and Policing. Prior to serving as a U.S. Marshal, Becky was a police officer for her hometown of Troy, a Montgomery County Deputy Sheriff and NC Alcohol Law Enforcement agent.

### **"Click It or Ticket" Mini Mobilizations**

Caldwell, Catawba, Columbus, Franklin, Harnett, Johnston, Nash and Onslow counties were selected by the GHSP to participate in a "Click It or Ticket" mobilization April 18-29. These counties were selected based on North Carolina's redesign of the state's seat belt survey. Each of these counties is new to the survey. Law enforcement agencies within the counties performed stepped-up patrols and checkpoints cracking down on those not buckled up. These counties, along with seven other counties, serve as a seat belt survey counties, which determine North Carolina's overall seat belt usage rate. Survey county selection is based on population, demographic and traffic fatalities. Surveyors will be in each county throughout the month of June tracking seat belt usage among motorists. In 2010, North Carolina's seat belt usage rate was 89.7 percent.



## Word on the Street

### **GHSP has three new Highway Safety Specialists**

- ♦ Joshua Defisher - Joshua is responsible for regions 1, 2 and 3 and will handle teen driving issues, motorcycle safety and child passenger safety programs. Joshua will also be the official GHSP photographer.
- ♦ Hubie Mercado - Hubie is responsible for regions 5 and 6 and will handle our Hispanic outreach/programs.
- ♦ David Williams - David is responsible for regions 8, 10 and 11 and will handle our senior driving and pedestrian outreach/programs.

### **New Law Enforcement Liaison**

The GHSP is proud to announce Sgt. David B. Sloan of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department was selected as the new Region 8 Law Enforcement Liaison. He is responsible for Alexander, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan and Union counties.

## Online Grants Management System

After months of anticipation, the new GHSP online Grants Management System went live April 4. The new system is the only SAP-based grants system in the nation. It is also the first fully functional grants management system in state government. GHSP has more than 450 users on the new system and received more than 220 applications for FY2012. The application process opened April 4, and applications were accepted until April 30. GHSP will hold Webinars in the coming months on the next stage of the grants process. If you have any questions on GHSP grants or the system process, call your GHSP Highway Safety Specialist.

Remember, if you lose or forget your User ID and/or Password call the NCDOT Help Desk at 919-861-3840 or email: [dothelp@ncdot.gov](mailto:dothelp@ncdot.gov).



## GHSP Points System Logon Changes

In the coming weeks, you will need an NCID user name and password to access the GHSP Points System, Online Reporting and the Law Enforcement section on the GHSP website. This is not the same thing as the GHSP Online Grants Management System. This must be completed by June 20 to be able to report for the upcoming "Booze It and Lose It" Campaign and all subsequent submissions to the GHSP Points System and Online Reporting.

### **Do you need a User ID and password? Do the following....**

1. Go to <https://idpncid.nc.gov/RegistrationRedirector/regmigrator.htm> and register for an NCID user name and password as a business. Once you receive verification of your NCID user name and password, you must contact GHSP ([dtoler@ncdot.gov](mailto:dtoler@ncdot.gov)) to inform them of your new NCID user name.
2. Once GHSP verifies your new user name, you will be granted access to the GHSP Law Enforcement page and the Points System.

After this change takes place, GHSP will no longer be storing user names and passwords. Any assistance with this or login issues should be directed to the ITS Service Desk at 919-754-6000 or toll free at 1-800-722-3946. Non-critical issues may be emailed to [its.incidents@its.nc.gov](mailto:its.incidents@its.nc.gov). This service is available 24 hours a day.





**What would you do with \$125?**

If you don't wear your seatbelt, you can use it to pay your **Traffic Ticket!**

**CLICK IT OR TICKET.**

GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

**THE ONLY THING BETWEEN YOUR HEAD AND THE PAVEMENT IS A MOTORCYCLE HELMET**



**www.bikesafenc.com**

Gas Pump Topper Ads running through Labor Day for "Click It or Ticket" and Motorcycle Safety Awareness

<b>2012 GHSP Wall Calendar Call for Entries</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Enforcement Periods</b>	<b>Reports Due</b>
<p>Please send photographs for consideration for the 2012 GHSP wall calendar. If you would like your agency featured, the submission requirements and details are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photographs should feature traffic officers, cars or equipment. Agencies can be creative in determining the location or background of their photo.</li> <li>All photos must be 300 dpi in either JPEG or TIF format.</li> <li>Send photos to GHSP on a CD marked 2012 calendar submission, along with photo info: location, officers, agency, contact person and info.</li> </ul> <p>All photos must be submitted by August 31. Submissions will be selected based on creativity and agency participation in GHSP activities.</p>	<b>"Click It or Ticket" Campaign</b>		
	Week 1	May 23-30	May 31 by 5 p.m.
	Week 2	May 31-June 5	June 6 by 5 p.m.
	<b>"Booze It &amp; Lose It" Operation Firecracker Campaign</b>		
<p><b>Mark your Calendars</b></p> <p><b>BOOZE IT &amp; LOSE IT.</b></p>  <p><b>"Operation Firecracker"</b></p> <p><b>June 27 - July 4</b></p> <p>2 press event locations:</p> <p>June 30 in Charlotte</p> <p>July 1 in Wilmington</p> <p>Postcards with specifics concerning the press events will be mailed in the near future. Let us know if you are having a DWI checkpoint, we may be able to attend!</p>	Week 1	June 27-July 4	July 5 by 5 p.m.
	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Beverly Eaves Perdue</b> Governor</p> <p><b>Eugene A. Conti, Jr.</b> Secretary of Transportation</p> <p><b>Becky Wallace</b> Director Governor's Highway Safety Program</p> <p>215 East Lane Street Raleigh, N.C. 27601 (919) 733-3083 <a href="http://www.ncdot.gov/programs/GHSP">www.ncdot.gov/programs/GHSP</a></p> </div>		